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the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury may also authorize any other banking institution to be treated as a "domestic bank" for the purpose of this definition or for the purpose of any or all sections of this part.

(b) For purposes of §§ 535.413, 535.508, 535.531 and 535.901, the term *domestic* bank includes any branch or office within the United States of a non-Iranian foreign bank.

[44 FR 66832, Nov. 21, 1979]

§ 535.321 United States; continental United States.

The term *United States* means the United States and all areas under the jurisdiction or authority thereof including the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The term *continental United States* means the states of the United States and the District of Columbia.

[44 FR 66833, Nov. 21, 1979]

§ 535.329 Person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

The term person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States includes:

- (a) Any person wheresoever located who is a citizen or resident of the United States:
- (b) Any person actually within the United States:
- (c) Any corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state, territory, possession, or district of the United States; and
- (d) Any partnership, association, corporation, or other organization wheresoever organized or doing business which is owned or controlled by persons specified in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section.

§535.333 Properties.

(a) The term properties as used in §535.215 means all uncontested and non-contingent liabilities and property interests of the Government of Iran, its agencies, instrumentalities, or controlled entities, including debts. It does not include bank deposits or funds and securities. It also does not include obligations under standby letters of credit or similar instruments in the nature of performance bonds, including accounts established pursuant to §535.568.

- (b) Properties do not cease to fall within the definition in paragraph (a), above, merely due to the existence of unpaid obligations, charges or fees relating to such properties, or undischarged liens against such properties.
- (c) Liabilities and property interests of the Government of Iran, its agencies, instrumentalities, or controlled entities may be considered contested only if the holder thereof reasonably believes that Iran does not have title or has only partial title to the asset. After October 23, 2001, such a belief may be considered reasonable only if it is based upon a bona fide opinion, in writing, of an attorney licensed to practice within the United States stating that Iran does not have title or has only partial title to the asset. For purposes of this paragraph, the term holder shall include any person who possesses the property, or who, although not in physical possession of the property, has, by contract or otherwise, control over a third party who does in fact have physical possession of the property. A person is not a holder by virtue of being the beneficiary of an attachment, injunction or similar order.
- (d) Liabilities and property interests shall not be deemed to be contested solely because they are subject to an attachment, injunction, or other similar order.

 $[66~{\rm FR}~38554,~{\rm July}~25,~2001]$

§535.334 Act of the Government of Iran.

For purposes of §535.216, an act of the Government of Iran, includes any acts ordered, authorized, allowed, approved, or ratified by the Government of Iran, its agencies, instrumentalities or controlled entities.

(Secs. 201–207, 91 Stat. 1626, 50 U.S.C. 1701–1706; E.O. 12170, 44 FR 65729; E.O. 12205, 45 FR 24099; E.O. 12211, 45 FR 26685; E.O. 12276, 46 FR 7913; E.O. 12279, 46 FR 7919; E.O. 12280, 46 FR 7921; E.O. 12281, 46 FR 7923; E.O. 12282, 46 FR 7925; E.O. 12283, 46 FR 7927, and E.O. 12294, 46 FR 14111)

[46 FR 14336, Feb. 26, 1981]

§ 535.335 Claim arising out of events in Iran.

For purposes of §535.216, a claim is one "arising out of events" of the type